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- a. All the buoys on the course into Riga had been taken in, with the exception of two: Kolka-South buoy and a buoy just outside the entrance to Riga. Both these buoys were without lights.
- b. The light on Ovisi Point had no red sector; otherwise it had the characteristics given in the light list.
- c. Mikhaylova Light was in good condition. Its characteristics were: a 10-second cycle; on for five seconds, off for five seconds.
- d. Sõrve Light on the south point of Saaremaa Island. Its characteristics were: one cycle every 18 seconds; on for five seconds, off for thirteen seconds.
- e. The characteristics of the Kolkasrags and Rukhnu Lights were in accordance with the light list. The same was true of the light for Riga harbor.
- f. The entire Gulf of Riga and the Irben Strait was frozen.

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3. About ten nautical miles west of Kolkasrags Point, a searchlight came from a naval vessel approximately two nautical miles to the north.

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- 25X1 4. [] at the mouth of the Daugava River []
 25X1 [] Along the beach in the southern
 25X1 part of the Winter Harbor, there were approximately 75 motor torpedo boats laid up
 25X1 for the winter. They were partly covered with tarpaulins. Also in the harbor lay
 one naval vessel of destroyer size, as well as a vessel [] described
 as a repair ship. It was of approximately 3,000 tons and was built like an ordinary
 cargo ship, but had more equipment on the deck. The masts of a three-masted sail-
 ing ship could also be seen in the harbor.
- 25X1 5. [] at the export wharf, only one runway at Spilve Airfield
 was being used. This runway extended from approximately 160 degrees to 340
 degrees. The runway was quite black, and was evidently being kept clear of snow,
 in contrast to the rest of the field.
6. At nightfall the lights along both sides of the runway were turned on three minutes
 before each take-off and turned off again two minutes after an aircraft was in
 the air. Once during the night the lights were on for about one hour []
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- 25X1 7. []
 25X1 [] several other aircraft take off from the field. Most of these
 25X1 aircraft had two engines and resembled DC-3s. The wings were placed low on the
 25X1 body. []
 [] All the aircraft were painted a gray-black color, and a red star was
 painted on the under side of each wing and on the side rudder.
8. Two of the aircraft were small, single-engined biplanes. These aircraft were
 equipped with skiis. [] 25X1
 25X1 [] they took off from the level space beside the runway.
9. There was a light breeze from the south-by-southeast and aircraft took off in
 the direction 160 degrees. Practically all of them passed [] 25X1
 25X1 [] at a height of about 400 feet. [] aircraft 25X1
 were parked on the southern part of the airfield, but there was a poor view of this
 area from the export wharf.
10. Along the edge of the beach, between the river and the airfield, there was a heavily-
 travelled road. [] seven automobiles going in one direction and
 five automobiles going in the other. The majority were large trucks but there were
 also a few passenger cars. [] the road must have been wide,
 since the vehicles did not slacken speed when they passed each other.
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